Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Letter No. 10535, dated the 16th March 1912, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting the following Report on the Cattle Show held at Hassan in January 1912 :—

1. P. R. W. Wetherall, Esq., Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, was the President of the Cattle Show Committee and Mr. Mahomed Raza, Retired Assistant Commissioner, the Vice-President and Messrs. M. Srinivasa Murti, Treasury Assistant Commissioner, and S. Venkatesaiya, Advocate, Joint Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers. All officers at the District headquarter, the Assistant Commissioner, Saklespur, the Amildars of all the taluks, the Deputy Amildar of Alur Sub-Taluk, the Municipal Councillors of Hassan Town Municipality, the Members of the District Board, the Inspector of Cattle Diseases, the Assistant Veterinary Inspector, the Superintendent of the Amrut Mahal Department, and the Assistant Engineer of Hassan Division formed the General Committee with power to add to their number.

2. An Executive Committee consisting of all the office-bearers and the following gentlemen was also formed for making satisfactory arrangements :—

1. Doctor Asirvatham.
2. The Executive Engineer.
3. The District Superintendent of Police.
4. Mr. H. Srinivasa Rao.
5. The District Excise Officer.
6. The Amildar.
7. The Assistant Veterinary Inspector.
8. Rev. H. Spencer.
9. The Taluk Sheristadar.
10. Mr. S. Ramanna.
11. Mr. B. Alasingrachar.
12. ,, H. Muthappa.
13. ,, M. Chakrapani Rao.
14. ,, M. Srikantaiya.
15. ,, Mahadevappa.
16. The Assistant Engineer, Hassan.
17. Mr. M. Lakshminarasimhachar.
18. ,, B. Suryanarainaiya.
19. ,, T. Ramaiya.
20. ,, H. V. Rangasami.

3. A prospectus showing the details of prizes offered and the conditions of the show was issued and published in the *Mysore Gazette*, and the notice of the show in some of the leading English and Kanarese newspapers. Copies of the prospectus were also forwarded to the Deputy Commissioners of the adjoining districts and to the Amildars of the several taluks in the district.

4. *(2) Number of cattle exhibited.*—The number of cattle that were brought to the show was made out to be nearly 7,000 as against 9,000 of the previous year. The decrease is due to the fact that this was the first year in which, fees were levied on cattle admitted to the show in accordance with Government Proceedings No. 7007-24—L. B. 180-09-3, dated 22nd February 1911. Out of these 7,000 cattle that had assembled on the show grounds, 5,137 heads of cattle attended the show as exhibits and paid the prescribed entrance fees, while the remaining 1,863 were *bonâ fide* cart bullocks of the owners of the cattle exhibited by them which had brought fodder, etc., for their exhibits. Fees were not levied on these bullocks and the main object for not levying the fee was to give as much encouragement and lenient treatment as possible. This being the first year, when fees were levied on the exhibits and as this cattle show is not held here in connection with any religious jatras or festivals, this lenient treatment had to be given to the owners who brought their own fodder from distant places. It is gratifying to note that the cattle were brought from the several taluks of the district as also from the neighbouring districts of Tumkur and Mysore.

5. *(3) Number of cattle selected.*—The Executive Committee at their meeting held in the show grounds on the 19th December 1911 appointed judges for the selection of the best cattle under the different classes for awarding prizes. The number of cattle so selected by the judges was 34, including those selected for the special prizes awarded by the Committee. The Committee are indebted to the judges for the care with which they did their work.

6. *(4) Classification of cattle, etc.*—Cattle admitted to the show were classified as noted in notification ; and there were no changes. However, among bulls and cows, they were classified as Amrut Mahal, Malnad and Hallikar.

7. *(5) The number of prizes awarded.*—The number of prizes awarded was 34. This includes the special prizes awarded on the recommendation of judges to some deserving exhibits, as also the two prizes awarded by Messrs. A. K. Srinivasaraghavachar, Munsiff, and S. N. Appanna Iyengar, Acting General Assistant Commissioner. A list showing the particulars of prizes awarded to the exhibitors is found in Appendix B.

8. *(6) Place of cattle show and its suitability as regards water-supply and sanitary arrangements.*—The cattle show was held, as in the previous years, in the spacious compound

adjoining the District Police Office. This site was particularly selected by the Committee as being central, with sufficient accommodation to the cattle and the owners, affording a good shade and the musafirkhana near by. As regards the water-supply, the Municipality of Hassan had constructed a bund to the kodi channel of Channapatna tank, in addition, to the well recently repaired, at a cost of Rs. 360, which yielded a good supply of water to the public. As drawing of water from the well was considered inexpedient and troublesome, a water pump was hired from an enterprising merchant and this was fixed to the well. Sufficient quantity of water was pumped every day into the clean cisterns specially constructed for the cattle show occasion. This method of supplying good water for potable purposes was very much appreciated by the large body of cattle owners and others who had come for the show.

9. Necessary sanitary arrangements were made by the Municipality on the show ground. Two temporary latrines of zinc sheets were put up, in addition to the masonry one that is already existing on the show grounds, and these were daily conserved by the Municipal scavengers.

10. Proper lighting arrangements were also made by the Municipality for the nights.

11. *(7) Total receipts.*—The receipts on the whole was Rs. 1,045. As already stated above this was the first year of the levy of fees on cattle admitted to the show. The Committee, consequently, resolved that a uniform rate of one anna be levied on every head of cattle and this amounted to Rs. 321-1-0.

12. The private subscriptions amounted to Rs. 159, including the donations of Rs. 15 and Rs. 2 received from Messrs. A. K. Srinivasaraghavachar, Munsiff, and S. N. Appanna Iyengar, Acting General Assistant Commissioner, respectively, for awarding two special prizes for the two best cattle in the show as against Rs. 541-8-0 of the previous year, owing to the fact that subscriptions were restricted only to the headquarter town this year.

13. The District Board of Hassan contributed a sum of Rs. 450 towards the expenses in connection with the show.

The shop fees amounted to Rs. 34 and it was collected in accordance with the Resolution VII of the Hassan Town Municipal Council, dated 30th November 1911.

The right of collecting manure during the occasion was sold by auction and the realisation was Rs. 62-8-0.

14. *(8) Total expenses incurred and how met.*—The total expenditure under all items amounted to Rs. 539-15-6 and it was met from the amount of Rs. 450, paid by the District Board as also from that of subscriptions by the public of Hassan. The expenditure for the show was incurred for the award of prizes to the best cattle and the contingent charges, *viz.*, water-supply, lighting, construction of an enclosure for the levy of fees on cattle, sports, photos and other incidental charges, leaving a balance of Rs. 505-0-6 which amount has been credited to to the District Funds as per Government Order dated 22nd February 1911.

15. *(9) Concluding remarks including a comparison of the results with those of the preceding year.*—At the request of the Committee, the show was opened on the morning of the 4th January 1912 by P. R. W. Wetherall, Esq., Deputy Commissioner, who delivered an interesting and instructive address in English.

16. Mr. H. Nanjundaraj Urs, the Superintendent of the Amrut Mahal Department, with his usual kindness, arranged for the sale of some Amrut Mahal cattle at the show and this made the show more attractive.

17. Doctor L. C. Coleman, M.A., PH.D., very kindly, deputed one Mr. K. Ramaiya, the Manager of the Experimental Farm, to deliver lectures to the assembled raiyats on the use of the several agricultural implements and practical ploughing. The lectures were very interesting and they were appreciated by the raiyats. Mr. H. C. Javaraiya, son of Mr. H. Channaiya, R.B., Sub-Judge of Coorg, who had been here on the occasion of the Vakkaligara Conference, was also kind enough to speak a few words on the same subject.

18. Messrs. N. Narasimhaiengar, Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, B. V. Venkatachar, Assistant Veterinary Inspector of Hassan, and K. Ramaiya undertook to deliver lectures on the breeding of the several species of cattle, which were very instructive and beneficial to the assembled raiyats.

19. To afford amusement to the visitors sports were also arranged.

20. There was a continuous stream of visitors throughout the whole period of the show, as in the previous year, but more so this year, owing to the holding of the Vakkaligara Conference here.

21. Trade in cattle to the extent of nearly Rs. 60,000 took place during and even after the cattle show.

22. At the invitation of the Committee, Mrs. Wetherall very graciously distributed prizes to the exhibitors of the best cattle and also to the winners of the sports on the evening of the 5th January 1912.

23. After the distribution of prizes, Mr. Hommanahalli Krishna Sastri of Krishnarajpete explained in Kannada the beneficial results of such cattle shows and the exhibitors were impressed with the speech.

24. A conclusive speech was made by P. R. W. Wetherall, Esq., President of the Cattle Show Committee, explaining the practical utility and the benefits of the show and thanking the several Members of the Committee for their extreme interest and co-operation which contributed to the success of the show.

25. The proceedings ended with hearty cheers for Their Imperial Majesties, the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress and for His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

26. The thanks of the Committee are due to the several Amildars in the district who responded to their requests in arranging to send as many exhibits as possible.

27. The Committee also express their high appreciation of the work done by the Municipality during the show.

No. 7578-81—*L. B.* 235-11-2, *dated Bangalore, 12th April* 1912.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

It is noted that the sanitary and other arrangements made on the occasion were good and that the show was a success.

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The President of the District Board of Hassan, returning photos.
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